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Dublin Residents Reach First Milestone in Dublin Energy Challenge

Innovative Fundraiser Donates Money to Friends of the Dublin Library

DUBLIN, Calif., December 2, 2013 — The City of Dublin and <u>Energy Upgrade California in Alameda County</u> have reached the first milestone in the <u>Dublin Energy Challenge</u>, a city-wide initiative encouraging residents to monitor and evaluate energy usage while giving back to the local community. Since October 23, when the program began, 80 residents have signed up for the Home Energy Analyzer. As a result, \$150 has been donated to Friends of the Dublin Library to date.

Dublin residents have until January 31, 2014, to sign up for the online tool and achieve the City's goal of 300 sign-ups, which would result in a maximum donation of \$1,000 for Friends of the Dublin Library. Residents are also eligible to receive a \$25 gift card to local hardware stores through random monthly drawings once they sign up for the Home Energy Analyzer.

The Home Energy Analyzer uses PG&E smart meter data to evaluate energy usage. By pinpointing where energy is being used, residents can determine the right energy-saving actions and improvements to suit their needs. The Home Energy Analyzer provides customized energy-saving recommendations, including conservation behaviors and do-it-yourself improvements to help residents increase energy efficiency. Homeowners looking to complete more comprehensive energy-efficient home improvements may be eligible for rebates of up to \$4,500 through Energy Upgrade California Home Upgrade.

"For homeowners who wonder why their energy bills are so high, or which appliances in their homes are the biggest energy wasters, the Home Energy Analyzer is a simple way to track energy usage and find potential 'energy leaks,'" said Judi Ettlinger, Senior Program Manager at StopWaste, the local government agency leading Energy Upgrade California in Alameda County. "Signing up for the Home Energy Analyzer is an easy first step homeowners can take on their path to saving energy and money while making their home more comfortable."

To learn more about the Dublin Energy Challenge, visit <u>www.Dublin.ca.gov/EnergyChallenge</u>. Residents may sign up for the Home Energy Analyzer at <u>www.HomeEnergyAnalyzer.org</u>.

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